

Audiologic Diagnostic Appointment Guidelines for Risk Factor Referrals

For infants who pass the newborn hearing screen, but have any of the following risk factors for hearing loss.



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TIER 1

- Cytomegalovirus (CMV) infection
- Bacterial meningitis & certain types of viral meningitis, especially herpes & varicella
- Parental or medical provider concern



Schedule audiologic diagnostic evaluation:

To occur by **30 days** post discharge

Notify First Sound, family and pediatrician of appointment

TIER 2

- Down Syndrome
- Cleft lip/palate
- Craniofacial anomalies (e.g. microtia/atresia, ear pits, ear tags, temporal bone anomalies)
- Syndromes associated with hearing loss (e.g. CHARGE, Treacher Collins, Pierre Robin, BOR, Waardenburg syndrome, etc.)
- Perinatal asphyxia
- ECMO
- Hyperbilirubinemia (> 20mg/dL bilirubin)
- Permanent childhood or young adult* hearing loss in immediate family (infant's parents or siblings)

**excludes young adult hearing loss resulting from acute illness or trauma*



Schedule audiologic diagnostic evaluation:

To occur by **3 months** post discharge

Notify First Sound, family and pediatrician of appointment

TIER 3

- > 10 days mechanical ventilation
- ≤ 32 weeks gestational age
- < 1500 grams birthweight
- Permanent childhood or young adult* hearing loss in extended family
- Herpes, rubella, syphilis, toxoplasmosis
- Head trauma
- Ototoxic medications (> 7 day course or in conjunction with loop diuretics)
- NICU stay for > 5 days

**excludes young adult hearing loss resulting from acute illness or trauma*



Schedule audiologic diagnostic evaluation:

To occur by **6 months** post discharge

Notify First Sound, family and pediatrician of appointment